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SUBJECT: ITF CONGRESS: POSSIBLE LABOR BOYCOTT OF CHILEAN
SHIPPING/AIR TRANSPORT

REF: STATE 170868

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE 500 DELEGATES TO THE 31ST CONGRESS
OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (ITF)
BEING HELD IN STOCKHOLM AUGUST 7-15 ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE
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OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A

BOYCOTT OF CHILEAN SHIPPING AND AIR TRANSPORT. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO UNSEAT THE CHILEAN DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO USDEL SOURCES, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (ITF) HAS DECIDED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE ITF CONGRESS CALLING FOR A 48-HOUR BOYCOTT OF CHILEAN SHIPPING AND AIR TRANSPORT ON SEPTEMBER 18-19. THE BOYCOTT WOULD APPLY TO CHILEAN FLAG CARRIERS ONLY.

3. THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY US MEMBERS ON THE ITF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALSO CONTAINS A PROPOSAL TO SEND AN ITF MISSION TO CHILE FOLLOWING THE BOYCOTT TO DISCUSS WITH GOC OFFICIALS THE RESTORATION OF TRADE UNION FREEDOM IN CHILE. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, IF THE GOC REFUSES TO COOPERATE WITH THE ITF MISSION, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE ITF WOULD THEN CALL A TOTAL BOYCOTT. THE ITF CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON MANDAY, AUGUST 12.

4. THERE IS ALSO A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PREVENT THE CHILEAN DELEGATION FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE CONGRESS. IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT THE SWEDISH DELEGATION WILL CHALLENGE THE CREDENTIALS OF THE CHILEANS WHEN THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETS LATER THIS EVENING, AUGUST 7. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN DELEGATE OTERO, IF THE CHILEANS ARE ITF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE USDEL WILL VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE ANY MOVE TO UNSEAT THEM.

5. OTERO TOLD US THAT THE USDEL IS DIVIDED ON THE ISSUE OF THE CHILEAN BOYCOTT BUT WILL VOTE AS A UNIT IN FAVOR OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S BOYCOTT RESOLUTION WHEN IT IS PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS.
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